15 SUSTAINABLE NATURAL & BUILT ENVIRONMENT – good design

Our vision: All development to contribute positively to the appearance of the town

Policies

- New developments must contribute to Winchcombe’s own distinct sense of place and local settlement pattern.
- New buildings and alterations must be of high quality design reflecting typical landscape character, house types and materials from the locality.
- All development must respect, protect and enhance Winchcombe and Sudeley’s unique historic environment and archaeological heritage.
- Conserve, manage and enhance the area’s unique natural environment and great biodiversity, including the Cotswolds AONB.

Through neighbourhood plans local communities are able to identify for special protection green areas of particular importance to them.

In designated Local Green Space local communities can effectively rule out new development other than in very special circumstances.

Local Green Space can only be designated alongside the local planning of sustainable development - including investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services.

The main use will be

- where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and

In Winchcombe we would seek to designate the areas marked on the map (left)

QUESTION

Will our proposed design policies ensure that development enhances the town?

Are the proposed Local Green Spaces the best way to protect the town’s setting?